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UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT  
SOUTHERN DISTRICT OF CALIFORNIA

HOWE INVESTMENTS LTD.,  
Plaintiff,  
v.  
QUARLES & BRADY LLP, and DOES 1  
through 25,  
Defendants.

Case No.: 3:14-cv-01436-JAH-KSC  
PROTECTIVE ORDER  
Dept.: 13B  
Judge: Hon. John A. Houston  
Magistrate Judge: Hon. Karen S. Crawford  
Trial Date: None set

Whereas, Plaintiff and Defendant anticipate that documents, testimony, or information containing or reflecting confidential, proprietary, trade secret, and/or commercially sensitive information are likely to be disclosed or produced during the course of discovery. Good cause appearing, in order to protect the confidentiality of such information obtained by the parties in connection with this case, the Court hereby enters this Protective Order as follows:

1. PURPOSES AND LIMITATIONS

Disclosure and discovery activity in this Action are likely to involve production of confidential, proprietary, or private information, for which special protection from public disclosure and from use for any purpose other than prosecuting this Action would be warranted.

This Protective Order governs discovery in the above-captioned case only. This Protective Order does not confer blanket protections on all disclosures or responses to discovery and the

protection it affords extends only to the information or items that are entitled under the applicable legal principles to treatment as confidential.

2. DEFINITIONS

2.1 "Action" means the above-captioned action, presently pending in District Court, Southern District of California.

2.2 Party: Any party to this Action, including all of its officers, directors, employees, consultants, retained experts, and outside counsel (and their support staff).

2.3 Disclosure or Discovery Material: All items or information, regardless of the medium or the manner in which it is generated, stored, or maintained (including, among other things, testimony, transcripts, or tangible things), that is produced or generated in disclosures or responses to discovery in this matter.

2.4 "CONFIDENTIAL" Information or Items: information (regardless of how it is generated, stored or maintained) or tangible things that qualify for protection under Federal Rule of Civil Procedure 26(c).

2.5 Receiving Party: A Party that receives Disclosure or Discovery Material provided, produced, or made available for inspection by a Producing Party.

2.6 Producing Party: A Party or non-party that provides, produces, or makes available for inspection Disclosure or Discovery Material in the course of this Action.

2.7 Designating Party: A Party or non-party that designates information or items that it produces in disclosures or in responses to discovery as CONFIDENTIAL.

2.8 Protected Material: Any Disclosure or Discovery Material that is designated as or deemed to be CONFIDENTIAL.

2.9 Outside Counsel: Attorneys who are not employees of a Party, but who are retained to represent or advise a Party in this Action.

2.10 In-House Counsel: Attorneys who are employees of a Party.

2.11 Counsel (without qualifier): Outside Counsel and In-House Counsel (as well as their support staffs).

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1           2.12   Expert: A person with specialized knowledge or experience in a matter pertinent to  
2 the Action who has been retained by a Party or its Counsel to serve as an expert witness or as a  
3 consultant in this Action. This definition includes any professional jury or trial consultant retained  
4 in connection with this Action but does not include mock jurors.

5           2.13   Professional Vendors: Persons or entities that provide litigation support services  
6 (e.g., photocopying; videotaping; translating; preparing exhibits or demonstrations; organizing,  
7 storing, retrieving data in any form or medium; etc.) and their employees and subcontractors.

8           3.      SCOPE

9           This Protective Order shall govern all Protected Material in whatever form, including  
10 documents, data, information, interrogatory responses, deposition testimony, deposition transcripts,  
11 responses to requests for admission, and any other Protected Material provided, produced, or made  
12 available for inspection in response to any method of discovery conducted in this Action. The  
13 protections conferred by this Protective Order cover not only Protected Material (as defined above)  
14 but also any information copied or extracted therefrom, as well as all copies, excerpts, summaries or  
15 compilations thereof, plus testimony, conversations, or presentations by Parties or Counsel to or in  
16 court or in other settings that might reveal Protected Material. The protections conferred by this  
17 Order do not cover the following information: (a) any information that is in the public domain at  
18 time of disclosure or that becomes part of the public domain as a result of publication not involving a  
19 violation of this Order; and (b) any information known to the Receiving Party prior to disclosure or  
20 obtained by the Receiving Party after disclosure from a source who obtained the information  
21 lawfully.

22           This Protective Order is without prejudice to the right of any Party to seek further or  
23 additional protection of any Discovery Material or to modify this Order in any way, including,  
24 without limitation, an order that certain matter not be produced at all. Any use of Protected Material  
25 at trial shall be governed by a separate agreement or order.

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1           4. DURATION

2           After the termination of this Action, the confidentiality obligations imposed by this  
3 Protective Order shall remain in effect until a Designating Party agrees otherwise in writing or a  
4 Court order otherwise directs.

5           5. DESIGNATING PROTECTED MATERIAL

6       5.1   Procedures for Designating Material for Protection: Any Party to this Action, or any  
7 non-party who produces Disclosure or Discovery Material, shall have the right to designate as  
8 CONFIDENTIAL any Protected Material it produces. All Protected Material shall bear a legend on  
9 each page stating that the material is "CONFIDENTIAL." Material designated as or deemed to be  
10 CONFIDENTIAL consistent with this Protective Order is subject to the provisions of this Protective  
11 Order and shall be protected, used, handled, and disposed of in accordance with the provisions of  
12 this Protective Order.

13          Each Party or non-party that designates information or items for protection under this Order  
14 must take care to limit any such designation to specific material that qualifies under the appropriate  
15 standards set forth herein. A Designating Party must take care to designate for protection only those  
16 parts of materials, documents, items, or oral or written communications that so qualify. Mass,  
17 indiscriminate, or routinized designations are prohibited, and clearly unjustified designations expose  
18 the Designating Party to sanctions.

19       5.2   Manner and Timing of Designations: Except as otherwise provided in this Protective  
20 Order (see, e.g., second paragraph of 5.2(a), below) or as otherwise stipulated or ordered, material  
21 that qualifies for protection under this Protective Order must be clearly so designated before the  
22 material is disclosed or produced.

23          Designation in conformity with this Protective Order requires:

24       (a)   For Information in Documentary Form (apart from transcripts of depositions or other  
25 pretrial proceedings): That the Producing Party affix the legend "CONFIDENTIAL" on each page  
26 that contains Protected Material. If only a portion or portions of the material on a page qualifies for  
27 protection, the Producing Party also must clearly identify the protected portion(s) (e.g., by making  
28 appropriate markings in the margins). In order to speed up the process of producing large volumes

1 of Protected Material, multi-page documents in which Protected Material is pervasive may be  
2 marked "CONFIDENTIAL" throughout. Where it is not possible to affix a legend to particular  
3 Protected Material, the Producing Party shall take reasonable steps to give all Receiving Parties  
4 notice of the Protected Material's status as such.

5 A Party or non-party that makes original documents or materials available for inspection  
6 need not designate them for protection until after the inspecting Party has indicated which material it  
7 would like copied and produced. During the inspection and before the designation, all of the  
8 material made available for inspection shall be deemed "CONFIDENTIAL." After the inspecting  
9 Party has identified the documents it wants copied and produced, the Producing Party must  
10 determine which documents qualify for protection under this Order. Then, before producing the  
11 specified documents, the Producing Party must affix the "CONFIDENTIAL" legend on each page  
12 that contains Protected Material (or the portion(s) of the page that contain Protected Material),  
13 except that multi-page documents may be designated in accordance with the preceding paragraph.

14 (b) For Testimony Given in Deposition or in Other Pretrial Proceedings: Any Party or  
15 non-party offering or sponsoring the testimony may identify on the record, before the close of the  
16 deposition, hearing or other proceeding, all protected testimony and may further specify any portions  
17 of the testimony that qualify as "CONFIDENTIAL." In the case of a non-party witness, testimony  
18 can be designated as containing "CONFIDENTIAL" information by a Party, the non-party witness,  
19 or upon agreement of the Parties.

20 Transcript pages containing Protected Material must be separately bound by the court  
21 reporter, who must affix to the top of each such page the legend "CONFIDENTIAL", as instructed  
22 by the Party or non-party offering or sponsoring the witness or presenting the testimony.

23 In the event the deposition is videotaped and testimony is deemed to be Protected Material,  
24 the original and all copies of the videotape shall be marked by the video technician to indicate that  
25 some of the contents of the videotape are subject to this Protective Order, substantially along the  
26 lines of "This videotape contains confidential testimony used in this case and is not to be viewed or  
27 the confidential contents thereof to be displayed or revealed except pursuant to the terms of the  
28 operative Protective Order in this matter or pursuant to written stipulation of the parties."

1           Counsel for any Producing Party shall have the right to exclude from oral depositions, other  
2 than the deponent, deponent's counsel, the reporter, and videographer (if any), any person who is not  
3 authorized by this Protective Order to receive or access Protected Material based on the designation  
4 of such Protected Material. Such right of exclusion shall be applicable only during periods of  
5 examination or testimony regarding such Protected Material.

6           (c)     For Information Produced in A Form Other than Documentary, and for Any Other  
7 Tangible Items: The Producing Party shall affix in a prominent place on the exterior of the container  
8 or containers in which the information or item is stored the legend "CONFIDENTIAL." If only a  
9 portion or portions of the information or item warrant protection, the Producing Party, to the extent  
10 practicable, shall identify the protected portion(s).

11          (d)     For Inspection of Things or Premises: The Producing Party shall state in writing  
12 prior to the inspection that "CONFIDENTIAL" information or material will be revealed.

13          5.3     Contractual Obligations to Non-Parties: During the course of this Action, a Party or  
14 non-party may be requested to produce information that is subject to contractual or other obligations  
15 of confidentiality owed to a non-party. The Party or non-party subject to the contractual or other  
16 obligation of confidentiality shall promptly contact the person to whom the obligation is owed to  
17 determine whether that person is willing to permit disclosure of the confidential information under  
18 the terms of this Protective Order. If that person is so willing, the information shall be produced in  
19 accordance with this Protective Order. If the person to whom the obligation is owed is not willing to  
20 permit disclosure of the confidential information under the terms of this Protective Order and fails to  
21 seek a protective order from this court before responses or production is due, the disclosure of the  
22 requested information shall be made pursuant to the terms of this Protective Order. The Party or  
23 Non-Party seeking to preclude disclosure shall bear the burden and expense of seeking protection in  
24 this court of its Protected Material.

25          5.4     Upward Designation of Information or Items Produced by Other Parties or Non-  
26 Parties. A Party may upward designate (i.e., change any documents or other material produced  
27 without a designation to a designation of "CONFIDENTIAL") any Disclosure or Discovery Material  
28 produced by any other Party or non-party, provided that said Disclosure or Discovery Material

1 contains the upward designating Party's own "CONFIDENTIAL" information, or otherwise is  
2 entitled to protective treatment. Upward designation shall be accomplished by providing written  
3 notice to all Parties identifying (by Bates number or other individually identifiable information) the  
4 Disclosure or Discovery Material to be re-designated within sixty (60) days of production by the  
5 Producing Party. Failure to upward designate within sixty (60) days of production, alone, will not  
6 prevent a Party from obtaining the agreement of all Parties to upward designate certain Disclosure or  
7 Discovery Material or from moving the Court for such relief. Any Party may object to the upward  
8 designation of Disclosure or Discovery Material pursuant to the procedures set forth herein  
9 regarding challenging designations.

10       5.5     Inadvertent Failures to Designate and Redesignation: A Producing Party that  
11 inadvertently fails to designate Disclosure or Discovery Material as "CONFIDENTIAL" pursuant to  
12 this Protective Order at the time of its production shall be able to make a correction to its  
13 designation. Such failure shall be corrected by providing to the Receiving Party written notice of the  
14 error and substituted copies of the inadvertently produced Disclosure or Discovery Materials. Any  
15 party receiving such inadvertently unmarked Disclosure or Discovery Materials shall, within five (5)  
16 days of receipt of the substitute copies, destroy or return to the law firm representing the Producing  
17 Party all copies of such mis-designated documents. The Producing Party shall comply with  
18 Paragraph 5.2 when redesignating Disclosure or Discovery Material as Protected Material.  
19 Following any redesignation of Disclosure or Discovery Material as Protected Material, the Party  
20 receiving such Protected Material shall take reasonable steps to comply with the redesignation,  
21 including, without limitation, retrieving all copies and excerpts of any redesignated Protected  
22 Material from persons not entitled to receive it as re-designated.

23       A Receiving Party shall not be in breach of this Protective Order for any use of such  
24 inadvertently-non-designated or inadvertently-mis-designated material before the Receiving Party  
25 receives notice of the inadvertent failure to designate, unless an objectively reasonable person would  
26 have realized that the material should have been appropriately designated with a confidentiality  
27 designation under this Protective Order. Once a Receiving Party has received notice of the  
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1 inadvertent failure to designate pursuant to this provision, the Receiving Party shall treat such  
 2 material at the appropriately designated level pursuant to the terms of this Protective Order.

3         **6. DISCLOSURE OF DISCOVERY MATERIALS PROTECTED BY THE**  
 4 **ATTORNEY-CLIENT PRIVILEGE OR WORK PRODUCT DOCTRINE**

5             (a)     The inadvertent production by a Party of Discovery Material subject to the attorney-  
 6 client privilege, work-product protection, or any other applicable privilege or protection, despite the  
 7 Producing Party's reasonable efforts to prescreen such Discovery Material prior to production, will  
 8 not waive the applicable privilege and/or protection if a request for return of such inadvertently  
 9 produced Discovery Material is made promptly after the Producing Party learns of its inadvertent  
 10 production.

11             (b)     Upon a request from any Producing Party who has inadvertently produced Discovery  
 12 Material that it believes is privileged and/or protected, each Receiving Party shall immediately return  
 13 such Protected Material or Discovery Material and all copies to the Producing Party, except for any  
 14 pages containing privileged markings by the Receiving Party which shall instead be destroyed and  
 15 certified as such by the Receiving Party to the Producing Party.

16             (c)     Nothing herein shall prevent the Receiving Party from preparing a record for its own  
 17 use containing the date, author, addresses, and topic of the inadvertently produced Discovery  
 18 Material and such other information as is reasonably necessary to identify the Discovery Material  
 19 and describe its nature to the Court in any motion to compel production of the Discovery Material.

20         **7. CHALLENGING CONFIDENTIALITY DESIGNATIONS**

21             **7.1 Timing of Challenges:** The Receiving Party must challenge the Designating Party's  
 22 designations within ninety (90) days of receipt of the challenged information.

23             **7.2 Meet and Confer:** A Party that elects to initiate a challenge to a Designating Party's  
 24 confidentiality designation must do so in good faith by providing written notice of each designation  
 25 it is challenging and describing the basis for each challenge. In conferring, the challenging Party  
 26 must identify the specific Bates range(s) for the challenged document(s), explain the basis for its  
 27 belief that the confidentiality designation was not proper, and must give the Designating Party a  
 28 reasonable opportunity to review the designated material, reconsider the circumstances and, if no

1 change in designation is offered, explain the basis for the chosen designation. The parties shall  
2 attempt to resolve each challenge in good faith and must begin by conferring directly (in voice to  
3 voice dialogue; other forms of communication are not sufficient) within 14 days of the date of  
4 service of the challenging Party's written notice. A challenging Party may proceed to the next stage  
5 of the challenge process only if it has first engaged in this meet-and-confer process.

6       7.3     Judicial Intervention: If the Parties cannot resolve a challenge without court  
7 intervention, the Designating Party shall file and serve a motion to retain confidentiality within 21  
8 days of the initial notice of challenge or within 14 days of the parties agreeing that the meet and  
9 confer process will not resolve their dispute, whichever is earlier. Failure by the Designating Party  
10 to make such a motion within 21 days (or 14 days, if applicable) shall automatically waive the  
11 confidentiality designation for each challenged designation. In addition, the Challenging Party may  
12 file a motion challenging a confidentiality designation at any time if there is good cause for doing so,  
13 including a challenge to the designation of a deposition transcript or any portions thereof. Any  
14 briefs filed must identify the challenged material, set forth in detail the basis for the challenge, and  
15 include a declaration that the movant has complied with the meet and confer requirements imposed  
16 by the preceding paragraph.

17       The burden of persuasion in any such challenge shall be on the Designating Party. Nothing  
18 in this Protective Order shall preclude or prejudice either party from arguing for or against any  
19 designation, establish any presumption that a particular designation is valid, or alter the burden of  
20 proof that would otherwise apply in a dispute over discovery or disclosure of information. Frivolous  
21 challenges, and those made for an improper purpose (e.g., to harass or impose unnecessary expenses  
22 and burdens on other parties) may expose the Challenging Party to sanctions. Unless the  
23 Designating Party has waived the confidentiality designation by failing to file a motion to retain  
24 confidentiality as described above, all parties shall continue to afford the material in question the  
25 level of protection to which it is entitled under the Designating Party's designation until the Court  
26 rules on the challenge.

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1           8. ACCESS TO AND USE OF PROTECTED MATERIAL

2       8.1 Basic Principles: A Receiving Party may use Protected Material that is disclosed or  
 3 produced by another Party or by a non-party in connection with this Action only for prosecuting,  
 4 defending, or attempting to settle this Action. A Receiving Party may not use Protected Material for  
 5 any other purpose, including, without limitation, any other litigation or any business or competitive  
 6 function. Such Protected Material may be disclosed only to the categories of persons and under the  
 7 conditions described in this Order and may not be disclosed to the media. For purposes of this  
 8 Protective Order, and specifically as utilized in the preceding sentence, “disclosed” or “disclose”  
 9 shall mean any physical or electronic showing of the Protected Materials to any person, including  
 10 communication in any form of the contents (in whole or in part) or existence of the Protected  
 11 Materials. When this Action has been terminated, a Receiving Party must comply with the  
 12 provisions of Paragraph 12 below (FINAL DISPOSITION).

13      Protected Material must be stored and maintained by a Receiving Party at a location and in a  
 14 secure manner ensuring that access is limited to the persons authorized under this Order.

15       8.2 Disclosure of “CONFIDENTIAL” Information or Items: Unless otherwise ordered  
 16 by the Court or permitted in writing by the Designating Party, a Receiving Party may disclose any  
 17 information or item designated “CONFIDENTIAL” only to:

18           (a) The Receiving Party’s Outside Counsel of record in this Action, as well as employees  
 19 of said Outside Counsel to whom it is reasonably necessary to disclose the information for this  
 20 Action;

21           (b) The former and current officers, directors, and employees (including In-House  
 22 Counsel) of the Receiving Party to whom disclosure is reasonably necessary for this Action and who  
 23 have signed the “General Acknowledgment of Confidentiality and Agreement to Be Bound by  
 24 Protective Order” that is attached hereto as Exhibit A-1;

25           (c) Any insurer or indemnitor of any defendant in this Action;

26           (d) Experts (as defined in this Order) of the Receiving Party (i) to whom disclosure is  
 27 reasonably necessary for this Action, (ii) who have signed the “Expert/Consultant Acknowledgment

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1 of Confidentiality and Agreement to Be Bound by Protective Order" (Exhibit A-2), and (iii) as to  
 2 whom the procedures set forth in Paragraph 8.6 below have been followed;

3       (e)     The Court and any mediators or arbitrators and their respective personnel;

4       (f)     Court reporters, their staffs, and professional vendors to whom disclosure is  
 5 reasonably necessary for this Action and who have signed the "General Acknowledgment of  
 6 Confidentiality and Agreement to Be Bound by Protective Order" that is attached hereto as Exhibit  
 7 A-1;

8       (g)     During their depositions, witnesses in the Action to whom disclosure is reasonably  
 9 necessary and who have signed the "General Acknowledgment of Confidentiality and Agreement to  
 10 Be Bound by Protective Order" that is attached hereto as Exhibit A-1; pages of transcribed  
 11 deposition testimony or exhibits to depositions that reveal Protected Material must be marked  
 12 CONFIDENTIAL by the court reporter and may not be disclosed to anyone except as permitted  
 13 under this Protective Order; and

14       (h)     The author(s) and recipient(s) of a document containing the information or a  
 15 custodian or other person who otherwise possessed or knew the information.

16       8.3     General Procedure for Disclosure of "CONFIDENTIAL" Information or Items:  
 17 Before any information or item designated "CONFIDENTIAL," or substance or summary thereof,  
 18 shall be disclosed to the persons or entities identified in sub-paragraphs (b), (d), (f), and (g) of  
 19 Paragraph 8.2 above, the Parties are hereby ordered to tender a copy of this Protective Order to each  
 20 such person and witness in order that each such entity or person to whom such disclosure of  
 21 "CONFIDENTIAL" information or item is made shall be on notice and fully informed that the  
 22 existence and substance of the Protective Order is, and is intended to be, equally binding upon it,  
 23 him, or her. Before any information or item designated "CONFIDENTIAL," or substance or  
 24 summary thereof, is disclosed to any such person, each such person shall sign and abide by the terms  
 25 of the General Acknowledgment of Confidentiality and Agreement to Be Bound by Protective  
 26 Order, attached hereto as Exhibit A-1, or, if the person to whom the "CONFIDENTIAL"  
 27 information or item is to be disclosed is an Expert (as defined herein), that person shall sign and  
 28 abide by the terms of the Expert/Consultant Acknowledgment of Confidentiality and Agreement to

1 Be Bound by Protective Order, attached hereto as Exhibit A-2, and shall otherwise comply with the  
2 requirements of Paragraph 8.6. The person to whom the "CONFIDENTIAL" information or item is  
3 disclosed shall not give, show, or otherwise divulge any of the "CONFIDENTIAL" information or  
4 item to any entity or person except as specifically provided for by this Protective Order.

5       8.4     Procedure of Disclosure of "CONFIDENTIAL" Information or Items to Mock Jurors:  
6 A Receiving Party may disclose to mock jurors materials prepared by its Outside Counsel that are  
7 derived from information or items designated "CONFIDENTIAL," so long as the derivative  
8 materials do not include the as-produced information itself. Before providing such material to a  
9 mock juror, the Receiving Party must, in compliance with Paragraph 8.3 above, tender a copy of this  
10 Protective Order to each mock juror in order that each person to whom such disclosure is made shall  
11 be on notice and fully informed that the existence and substance of the Protective Order is, and is  
12 intended to be, equally binding upon it, him, or her, as well as upon the Parties and their Counsel.  
13 Before any materials prepared by Outside Counsel that are derived from information or items  
14 designated "CONFIDENTIAL" are disclosed to a mock juror, each such person shall sign and abide  
15 by the terms of the General Acknowledgment of Confidentiality and Agreement to Be Bound by  
16 Protective Order, attached hereto as Exhibit A-1. The mock juror to whom the material is disclosed  
17 shall not give, show, or otherwise divulge any of the information contained therein to any entity or  
18 person except as specifically provided for by this Protective Order.

19       8.5     Procedure for Disclosure of "CONFIDENTIAL" Information or Items to Experts:  
20 Before any "CONFIDENTIAL" information, or substance or summary thereof, shall be disclosed to  
21 an Expert, the Expert shall sign and abide by the terms of the "Expert/Consultant Acknowledgment  
22 of Confidentiality and Agreement to Be Bound by Protective Order," attached as Exhibit A-2. An  
23 Expert who has signed an Expert/Consultant Acknowledgment of Confidentiality and Agreement to  
24 Be Bound by Protective Order (Exhibit A-2) may be shown "CONFIDENTIAL" information  
25 without the need for a further declaration.

26       8.6     The Party's Counsel who discloses "CONFIDENTIAL" Material shall be responsible  
27 for assuring compliance with the terms of this Protective Order with respect to persons to whom  
28 such Protected Material is disclosed and shall obtain and retain the originals of the "General

1 Acknowledgment of Confidentiality and Agreement to Be Bound by Protective Order" and  
 2 "Expert/Consultant Acknowledgment of Confidentiality and Agreement to Be Bound by Protective  
 3 Order" executed by qualified recipients of Protected Material (if such execution was required by  
 4 terms of this Protective Order).

5       **9. PROTECTED MATERIAL SUBPOENAED OR ORDERED PRODUCED IN**  
 6 **OTHER LITIGATION**

7       If a Party is served with a subpoena or a court order issued in other litigation that would  
 8 compel disclosure of any information or items designated in this Action as "CONFIDENTIAL" or,  
 9 the Party must so notify the Designating Party in writing (by fax or e-mail, if possible) immediately  
 10 and in no event more than five (5) court days after receiving the subpoena or order. Such  
 11 notification must include a copy of the subpoena or court order.

12      The Receiving Party must also immediately inform in writing the party who caused the  
 13 subpoena or order to issue in the other litigation that some or all of the material covered by the  
 14 subpoena or order is the subject of this Protective Order. In addition, the Receiving Party must  
 15 deliver a copy of this Protective Order promptly to the party in the other litigation that caused the  
 16 subpoena or order to issue.

17      The purpose of imposing these duties is to alert the interested parties to the existence of this  
 18 Protective Order and to afford the Designating Party in this case an opportunity to try to protect its  
 19 confidentiality interests in the court from which the subpoena or order issued. The Designating  
 20 Party shall bear the burden and expense of seeking protection of its Protected Material in that court.  
 21 Nothing in these provisions should be construed as authorizing or encouraging a Receiving Party in  
 22 this Action to disobey a lawful directive from another court.

23       **10. UNAUTHORIZED DISCLOSURE OF PROTECTED MATERIAL**

24      If a Receiving Party learns that, by inadvertence or otherwise, it has disclosed Protected  
 25 Material to any person or in any circumstance not authorized under this Protective Order, the  
 26 Receiving Party must immediately: (a) notify the Designating Party in writing of the unauthorized  
 27 disclosure (by fax or e-mail) immediately and in no event more than five (5) court days after  
 28 learning of the disclosure; (b) use its best efforts to retrieve all copies of the Protected Material; (c)

1 inform the person or persons to whom unauthorized disclosures were made of all the terms of this  
2 Order; and (d) request such person or persons to execute the "General Acknowledgment of  
3 Confidentiality and Agreement to Be Bound by Protective Order"  
4 (Exhibit A-1).

5 11. FILING PROTECTED MATERIAL

6 Without written permission from the Designating Party or a court order secured after  
7 appropriate notice to all interested persons, a Party may not file any Protected Material in the public  
8 record in this Action. All documents and chamber copies containing Protected Material which are  
9 submitted to the Court shall be lodged with the Court in sealed envelopes or other appropriate sealed  
10 containers. On the outside of the envelope, a copy of the first page of the document shall be  
11 attached. If Protected Material is included in the first page attached to the outside of the envelope, it  
12 may be deleted from the outside copy. The word "CONFIDENTIAL" shall be stamped on the  
13 envelope and a statement substantially in the following form shall be printed on the envelope:  
14 "Sealed Lodged Proposed Document."

15 Nothing shall be filed under seal, and the Court shall not be required to take any action,  
16 without separate prior order by the Judge before whom the hearing or proceeding will take place,  
17 after application by the affected party with appropriate notice to opposing counsel. The parties shall  
18 follow and abide by applicable law, including Civ. L.R. 79.2, ECF Administrative Policies and  
19 Procedures, Section II.j, and the chambers' rules, with respect to filing documents under seal.

20 If a Party's request to file Protected Material under seal is denied by the Court, then the Party  
21 may file the information in the public record, unless otherwise instructed by the Court.

22 A Party who seeks to introduce Protected Material at a hearing, pretrial or other proceeding  
23 shall advise the Court at the time of introduction that the information sought to be introduced is  
24 protected. If the Party who designated the information as Protected Material requests the protection  
25 be continued, the Court will review the information to determine if the information is entitled to  
26 continued protection. Prior to disclosure of Protected Material at a hearing, the Producing Party may  
27 seek further protections against public disclosure from the Court.

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1           12. FINAL DISPOSITION

2       Unless otherwise ordered or agreed in writing by the Producing Party, within 90 days after  
3 the final termination of this Action and upon receiving a written request to do so from the Producing  
4 Party or Designating Party, each Receiving Party must destroy all Protected Material or return it to  
5 the Producing Party. As used in this paragraph, "all Protected Material" includes all copies,  
6 abstracts, compilations, summaries, or any other form of reproducing or capturing any of the  
7 Protected Material. Whether the Protected Material is returned or destroyed, upon request by the  
8 Producing Party, the Receiving Party must submit a written certification to the Producing Party (and,  
9 if not the same person or entity, to the Designating Party) by the 90 day deadline that represents that  
10 all Protected Material was returned or destroyed and affirms that the Receiving Party has not  
11 retained any copies, abstracts, compilations, summaries, or other forms of reproducing or capturing  
12 any of the Protected Material. Notwithstanding this provision, Counsel are entitled to retain copies  
13 of all pleadings, motion papers, transcripts, legal memoranda, correspondence, and attorney work  
14 product, even if such materials contain Protected Material. Any such copies that contain or  
15 constitute Protected Material remain subject to this Protective Order as set forth in Paragraph 4  
16 (DURATION), above.

17           13. MISCELLANEOUS

18       13.1 Right to Further Relief: Nothing in this Order abridges the right of any person to seek  
19 its modification by the Court in the future. The Court may modify the protective order in the  
20 interests of justice or for public policy reasons.

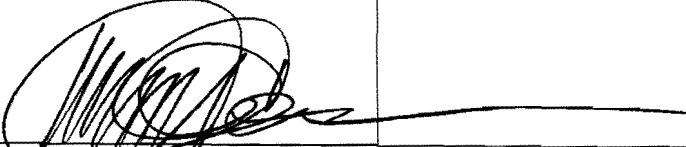
21       13.2 Right to Assert Other Objections: By stipulating to the entry of this Protective Order,  
22 no Party waives any right it would otherwise have to object to disclosing or producing any  
23 information or item on any ground not addressed in this Protective Order. Similarly, no Party  
24 waives any right to object on any ground to use in evidence any of the material covered by this  
25 Protective Order.

26       13.3 Computation of Time: The computation of any period of time prescribed or allowed  
27 by this Order shall be governed by the provisions for computing time set forth in the California Code  
28 of Civil Procedure.

1           13.4 Fact of Designation Not Admissible: The fact of designation, or failure to designate,  
2 Disclosure or Discovery Materials as CONFIDENTIAL pursuant to this Protective Order shall not  
3 be admissible for any purpose in a trial on the merits or at any other proceeding other than at a  
4 proceeding arising from or related to this Protective Order.

5           13.5 The provisions of this Protective Order do not apply to any trial proceedings in this  
6 Action. The Parties may separately request the Court to enter an Order governing the handling of  
7 Protected Material at trial.

8           13.6 The Court shall retain jurisdiction to enforce the terms of this Protective Order.

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10           IT IS SO ORDERED.  
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12 Dated: *Jan. 13, 2016*   
13           KAREN S. CRAWFORD  
United States Magistrate Judge  
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**EXHIBIT A-1****GENERAL ACKNOWLEDGMENT OF CONFIDENTIALITY  
AND AGREEMENT TO BE BOUND BY PROTECTIVE ORDER**

I, \_\_\_\_\_, declare under penalty of perjury that I have read in its entirety and understand the Protective Order ("Order") that was issued by the U.S. District Court, Southern District of California, on \_\_\_\_\_, in the case of *Howe Investments, Ltd. v. Quarles & Brady*, U.S. District Court, Southern District of California, Case No.: 3:14-cv-01436-JAH-KSC (the "Action").

I agree to comply with and be bound by all the terms of the Protective Order, and I understand and acknowledge that failure to so comply could expose me to sanctions and punishment in the nature of contempt. I solemnly promise that I will not disclose in any manner any information or item that is subject to the Protective Order to any person or entity except in strict compliance with the provisions of the Order.

I further agree to submit to the jurisdiction of the U.S. District Court, Southern District of California, for the purpose of enforcing the terms of the Protective Order even if such enforcement proceedings occur after termination of this Action.

Executed on \_\_\_\_\_ at \_\_\_\_\_.

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

**EXHIBIT A-2**

**EXPERT/CONSULTANT ACKNOWLEDGMENT OF CONFIDENTIALITY  
AND AGREEMENT TO BE BOUND BY PROTECTIVE ORDER**

I, \_\_\_\_\_, declare:

1. I reside at \_\_\_\_\_.

2. I have read in its entirety and understand the Protective Order ("Order") that was issued by the U.S. District Court, Southern District of California, on \_\_\_\_\_, in the case of *Howe Investments, Ltd. v. Quarles & Brady*, U.S. District Court, Southern District of California, Case No.: 3:14-cv-01436-JAH-KSC (the "Action").

3. I am familiar with the contents of the Order and agree to comply and be bound by the provisions thereof.

4. I will not divulge to persons other than those specifically authorized by the Order, and will not copy or use except solely for the purposes of this Action and only as expressly permitted by the terms of the Order, any Confidential Information obtained pursuant to the Order.

5. By signing below, I hereby agree to submit to the jurisdiction of the U.S. District Court, Southern District of California, for resolving any and all disputes regarding the Order and this Acknowledgment of Confidentiality. I further agree that any and all disputes regarding the Order and this Acknowledgment of Confidentiality shall be governed by the laws of the State of California, and that the U.S. District Court, Southern District of California, shall be the sole and exclusive venue for resolving any disputes arising from the Order and this Acknowledgment of Confidentiality.

I declare under penalty of perjury under the laws of the State of California that the foregoing is true and correct.

**Executed on** \_\_\_\_\_ at \_\_\_\_\_

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